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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

MS: AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 13, 2005. The Final Office Action set a three-month period for response, thus making this paper due or or before April 13, 2005. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee or credit any overpayment of fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin s on page 2 of this paper.

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